

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A method for producing solid powdery cosmetic products comprising a step wherein [of dispersing] powder components and oil components [or aqueous components] as binders are mixed in a solvent using a media-agitating mill[, wherein solid powdery cosmetic products are produced, powder components and oil components as binders are mixed in a solvent] to form a slurry and wherein [an aggregated particle] grinding of the powder components [is ground to form a slurry in a state a primary particle or close to a primary particle, and

wherein grinding of the powder components] and depositing oil components uniformly over the surface of powder components are performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill.

3. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 2 further comprising a step wherein the slurry is made free from the solvent and filled in a container.

4. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 2 further comprising a step wherein the slurry is made free from the solvent and filled in a container and then subjected to a dry press molding.

5. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 2 further comprising a step wherein the slurry is filled in a container and then subjected to a suction press molding.

6. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 2 wherein the solid powdery cosmetic product comprises 65 to 97 % by weight of the powder components and 3 to 35 % by weight of the oil components.

B 7. (currently amended) A method for producing powdery cosmetic products comprising a step [of dispersing] wherein powder components, [and] oil components [or aqueous components using a media-agitating mill, wherein powdery cosmetic products are produced, powder components, oil components as binders,] and organic silicon resin compounds are mixed in a solvent to form a slurry and wherein grinding [, hydrophobic and dispersion] and hydrophobing of powder components [to oil components] are performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill.

8. (previously amended) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 7 wherein the powdery cosmetic product contains 60 to 97 % by weight of powder components, 1 to 20 % by weight of a particle coating agent and 2 to 30 % by weight of oil components.

9 - 11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method for producing cosmetic products comprising [a step of dispersing powder components and oil components or aqueous components] the following steps of (A) - (C) using a batch media-agitating mill, wherein [the] said batch media-agitating mill comprises, in an identical tank, [both of]

at least one basket part [in which a solid dispersion medium is contained and] which has an in-basket stirring device for stirring the content of the basket and wherein solid dispersion and medium are contained and;

at least one in-tank stirring device wherein [for both of a preliminary mixing and a dispersion fluidization,

wherein a mixture of powder components and oil components or aqueous components are preliminarily mixed by the in-tank stirring device runs into the basket part, the powder components are dispersed by the solid dispersion medium in the basket part and then runs as a dispersion out of the basket part, the dispersion is fluidized by the in-tank stirring device and a part of it returns into the basket part whereby effecting a circulation,

and wherein the] said in-tank stirring device is provided in a position which does not interfere with the route of a fluid coming into and out of the basket part;

(A) materials containing powder components are mixed by the in-tank stirring device and run into the basket part;

(B) after (A), the powder components are ground and dispersed by the solid dispersion medium in the basket part and then run out of the basket part as a dispersion;

(C) after (B), the dispersion runs into the basket part by the in-tank stirring device and circulates in the batch media-agitating mill.

13. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 12 wherein a side wall or a side wall and a bottom wall of said basket part are provided with a large number of small pores each consisting of a slit whose size does not allow the solid dispersion medium to run out of the basket part.

14. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 12 wherein said in-tank stirring device for both of a preliminary mixing and a dispersion fluidization employs a disper or a homogenizer having a turbinal blade on the tip of a rotating rod or a combination thereof.

15. (cancel)

16. (currently amended) A method for producing solid oily cosmetic products [according to claim 15] comprising a step wherein powder components and oil components are mixed using a media-agitating mill, wherein grinding and dispersing of the powder components into the oil components are performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill, wherein [the production of a solid oily cosmetic product involves a use of a batch media-agitating mill for disp nsing th powder components into th oil compon nts] followed

112 by an addition of a solidifying aid and the like followed by a stirring with heating followed by a compaction molding.

17. (currently amended) A method for producing cosmetic products comprising a step [of dispersing] wherein powder components and oil components [or aqueous components] are mixed using a [batch] media-agitating mill, [wherein emulsified cosmetic products are produced,] wherein grinding and dispersing of the powder components to the oil components [or the aqueous components] are performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill wherein followed by an addition of the aqueous components [or the oil components] and wherein emulsification is by using a media-agitating mill.

18. (previously amended) A method for producing cosmetic products comprising a step ~~[of dispersing powder components and oil components or aqueous components using a media-agitating mill, comprising a step of mixing an]~~ wherein organically-denatured clay ~~{mineral}~~ minerals, ~~{a surfactant}~~ surfactants, ~~{a}~~ hydrophobic dispersion medium capable of dispersing and swelling said organically-denatured clay ~~{mineral}~~ minerals in the presence of ~~{a surfactant}~~ surfactants, ~~{a particle}~~ particles which ~~[is]~~ are not made hydrophobic and ~~{a}~~ particle coating ~~{agent}~~ agents [to disperse said powder components into a state of a primary particle

or close to a primary particle] are mixed using a media-agitating mill [while imparting the surface of said particle with a hydrophobicity] wherein grinding and hydrophobing of the powder components are performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill.

19. (previously amended) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 18 comprising a step for mixing an organically-denatured clay mineral, a surfactant and a hydrophobic dispersion medium to form an organically-denatured clay mineral dispersion, adding a particle which is not made hydrophobic and a particle coating agent to said organically-denatured clay mineral dispersion and mixing using a media-agitating mill to impart the surface of said particle with a hydrophobicity.

20. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 18 wherein the concentration of the organically-denatured clay mineral when mixing using a media-agitating mill ranges from 0.1 to 5 % by weight.

21. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 18 wherein the concentration of the particle which is not made hydrophobic when mixing using a media-agitating mill ranges from 5 to 50 % by weight.

22. (previously amended) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 18 wherein the particle coating agent is trimethylsiloxysilicic acid.

23. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 18 wherein the particle which is not made hydrophobic is a UV-protecting particle.

24. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 23 wherein the UV-protecting particle is one or more selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide, iron oxide, cerium oxide and titanates.

25. (currently amended) A method for producing emulsified cosmetic products comprising a step wherein [of dispersing] powder components [and oil components or aqueous components using a media-agitating mill,

wherein the production of an emulsified cosmetic product involves a step of dispersing a particle] which [is] are not made hydrophobic and oil components are mixed [a particle coating agent into an oily phase] using a media-agitating mill [to impart a hydrophobicity followed by a step of adding an emulsifier and a water phase to effect an emulsification, both steps being conducted continuously in a single device] wherein dispersing and hydrophobing of the powder components are performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill, wherein followed by a step wherein an

emulsifier and a water phase are added and emulsified using a media mill.

26. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 25 wherein the device is a batch media-agitating mill having a media mill part and a stirring device in a single tank.

27. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 25 wherein the device is a continuous media-agitating mill consisting of a media mill part and a preliminary stirring tank and whose media mill part is connected via a pipe with the preliminary stirring tank.

28. (canceled)

29. (original) A method for producing cosmetic products according to Claim 25 wherein the emulsified cosmetic product is of a water-in-oil material.

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A method for producing solid lipstick cosmetic products [according to Claim 30] comprising a step wherein [the production of a solid lipstick involves a use of a batch media-agitating mill to disperse the] powder components of a colorant and [the] oil components [of a colorant] are mixed in a

17 solvent using a media-agitating mill, wherein grind and dispersing
the powder components to the oil components are performed
simultaneously using a media-agitating mill, wherein [by a solid
dispersion medium] followed by an addition of a solidifying aid and
the like followed by a stirring with heating followed by a
compaction molding.

32. (new) A method for producing emulsified cosmetic products
31 comprising a step wherein powder components and aqueous components
are mixed using a media-agitating mill, wherein grinding and
dispersing of the powder components to the aqueous components are
performed simultaneously using a media-agitating mill, wherein
followed by an addition of the oil components and wherein
emulsified by using a media-agitating mill.
